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BRIEF FOR APPELLANT

Sir:

Pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed October 4, 2004, the present Brief for Appellant is submitted herewith.

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is the assignee, Philips Electronics North America Corporation.

RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant is not aware of any related appeals or interferences.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Appellant submits that the final rejection should be REVERSED.

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